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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 5-259 of the 2010 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (m) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
5 Comptroller shall begin procedures to convert the group
6 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plans set forth in
7 subsection (a) of this section, including any prescription drug plan
8 offered in connection with or in addition to such insurance plans, to
9 self-insured plans for benefit periods beginning on or after July 1, 2010,
10 except that any dental plan offered in connection with or in addition to
11 such self-insured plans may be fully insured.

12 (2) The Comptroller may enter into contracts with third-party
13 administrators to provide administrative services only for the self-
14 insured plans set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any such
15 third-party administrator shall be required under such contract to

16 charge such third-party administrator's lowest available rate for such
17 services.

18 (3) (A) After the Comptroller has completed converting any
19 prescription drug plan under subdivision (1) of this subsection to a
20 self-insured plan and pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this
21 subdivision, the Comptroller shall offer prescription drug coverage to
22 nonstate public employers. For purposes of this subdivision, "nonstate
23 public employer" means a municipality or other political subdivision
24 of the state, including a board of education, quasi-public agency or
25 public library.

26 (B) The Comptroller shall establish procedures to determine (i) the
27 eligibility requirements for, (ii) the enrollment procedures for, (iii) the
28 duration of, (iv) requirements regarding the payment of premiums for,
29 and (v) the procedures for withdrawal from and termination of, such
30 prescription drug plan coverage.

31 (C) The Comptroller shall not offer coverage under a self-insured
32 prescription drug plan under subdivision (1) of this subsection until
33 the State Employees' Bargaining Agent Coalition has provided its
34 written consent to the clerks of both houses of the General Assembly to
35 the inclusion of nonstate public employers in such prescription drug
36 plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	5-259(m)
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INS *Joint Favorable*